

Golf practice range seminar on tap

SAN DIEGO — A golf range development seminar is due, Nov. 16-17, at Doubletree Hotel here.

Sponsors are Forecast Golf Marketing & Financial Systems, Inc. of Richmond, Va., and the Golf Range & Recreation Association.

Topics include market research and site selection, sales forecasting, feasibility, financial statements and warranted investment, concept and development program, zoning, environment, business plan and physical plant.

The program is targeted to golf range owners and operators, developers, designers and builders, investment bankers, range product suppliers, county and city planners and administrators.

Scott Marlowe, Forecast market analyst, will be the keynote speaker.

Others include Forecast's Jay Livingood and James Murphy, Terry Sopko of Wittek Golf Supply and Steve Di Costanzo, executive director of Golf Range & Recreation Association.

Young to design Georgia track

COLUMBUS, Ga. — Mike Young has been selected as the designer for a \$4 million golf development here.

The project is being undertaken by Developers-Investors Inc., a subsidiary of the Bradley Co. on 500 acres of undeveloped land owned by the W.C. Bradley Co. It will include an upscale, public 18-hole golf course, a 5,000-square-foot clubhouse and 450 homesites.

The golf course will be nestled among pines and lakes occupying 160 acres of the property.

Young has designed a par-72, 6,900-yard course to challenge the above-average golfer and yet be enjoyed by the beginner.

Holmes & Co. of Orlando, Fla. will begin construction in August, with an anticipated completion date of Labor Day 1993.

One-hole course drawing attention

MALDEN, Ill. — South Side Golf Club may be the nation's shortest course, but it's the talk of the town in this tiny village.

Korey Fiste's "Field of Dreams" stretches only 120 yards, a modest par four minus water and trap. However, there is plenty of room for lusty swings, most with a baseball grip. Mention of overlap or interlocking club clutch would draw puzzled frowns from players.

They are mostly youngsters, though parents and grandparents are being lured to the "links." It's an almost no-cost, fun-filled family-oriented evening recreational outlet. Neighbors hustle through dinner, then head for the porch to watch a variety of unusual swings in this long-devout basketball community.

Fiste, 20, began South Side by digging a hole in his back yard. Fairway, green and flag followed. Fiste mows the "course" in 2 hours. He said the interest and enthusiasm of the youngsters has rubbed off on elders. "The kids are great examples. I hope, though, they don't desert basketball." That's doubtful. Hoops dominate area barns.

Amtrak personnel salute South Side daily with a merry toot as they speed past the course.

Neighboring towns split on rezoning

DAYTON, Ohio — Two area townships are taking different rezoning approaches to a proposed 18-hole golf course spanning their territory.

The Washington Twp. Zoning Commission recommended rezoning about 187 acres, while Clearcreek's board of trustees postponed action on rezoning 422 acres on its side of the Montgomery County-Warren County line.

The Prestwyck project is being developed by David Durham.

If Clearcreek follows Washington's lead, the course could be completed next spring.

First golf summit taking shape in Ga.

BUFORD, Ga. — The inaugural Georgia Golf Summit due at Stouffer's PineIsle Resort here, Nov. 15-17, will bring together leaders in the game of golf along with those from related industries.

Goals are to provide a forum through which those involved in the industry may inter-relate and network; issues and goals for game advancement may be discussed and action plans established; and the impact golf has on the state's economy will be brought to public attention.

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